

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 17 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figs. 1(a) and 1(b) are cross-sectional views of a magnetic disc medium of the related art.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 21 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figs. 3(a) - 3(g) are diagrams illustrating the process for smoothing the surface of the disc medium.

REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment, captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."